

Dear Jim,

Confidential

11/6/74

The day you asked me to ask Jimmy about p.164 of He Slew The Dreamer I leaned on Jimmy as much as I could under the circumstances before you got to the cell. This was after Jerry had returned to his job, after I had first mentioned to Jimmy that there were those strange, seemingly partly coded notes, etc. After I read the Huie grand jury testimony, too. After we discussed your message I whispered into his ear that he'd better let us understand what the other side had probably picked up from his notes when he was out of his cell and they were easily taken and copied.

His response was something to the effect that there was nothing in them. Where the notes he made disclosed nothing I ate them. However, there came a time when he did open up just a little. I regret the environment was not conducive to my really pressing him. There came a point at which I wrote:

"Other names, places, dates, meetings, including with Jerry. Other phone numbers. Including in Atlanta. You and he [i.e., Jerry] there same day."

He shrugged this off as without meaning, perhaps as untrue. But at this point he did give me two names. He printed them on the note I'd written, which is on the reverse side of your Huie reminder.

These are Callagan and Buldeg. His spelling.

Callagan or Callahan or any variant does not trigger any recollection.

However, Buldeg does.

He is James Cripps, arrested with one Purkey for a brutal New Orleans murder in which the victim was found floating in a lagoon. I have part of a file on this, the other part apparently filed with the backstepping of the original of COUP. I remember that part well enough. I have the States-Item with Purkey's picture of a later period, May 1969, when there were emotional stories of Purkey's mother recognizing him from newspaper pictures as her long-lost son. Buldeg's picture should be easy to get if it is not in the original story of his arrest, a Tuesday after the Saturday I heard Dean Andrews tell a swisher client that Buldeg, then in Houston, would not hit by Western Union and when he returned to N.O. "he'll be on mah turf" (my turf).

Buldeg may be a common enough ~~name~~ nickname among criminals. These two were young. That murder was during the 1968 Mardi Gras. I do not recall the date of the arrests, but they were later. But unless they were captured pretty soon they may well have been free that April 4.

When I can I'll check the original of COUP.

I took only the hastiest glance at those notes. I have asked a friend to go over them with care while I catch up on the notes. I'll then go over them with care. However, Bud made some notes on them. He was to have provided me with copies. When you are there it would be good to get copies.

At that time you might also try to retrieve any of my files he has not misplaced or given you. Also the original of the Huie letter to me offering me everything he had. You and Bud have copies.

You also did not tell me how Herb wants his books autographed. To the wife? To them both? I don't know her first name.